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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

 Docket Number (Optional)
CHMP-102

First named inventor: **Kenneth A. Pieroni et al.** Group Art Unit: **2856**
 Application Number: **09/348,320** Examiner: **Charles Garber**
 Filed: **July 7, 1999**

Title: **SMOKE AND CLEAN AIR GENERATING MACHINE FOR DETECTING THE
PRESENCE AND LOCATION OF LEAKS**

Attention: Office of Petitions
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before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

1. Petition fee

- ☒ small entity - fee \$ 55 (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
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- ☒ has been filed previously on Amendment After Final Rejection filed
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- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$_____ for a small entity of \$_____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/83).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

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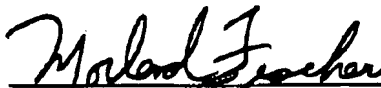
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Attorney for the Applicant(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply)**SEE ATTACHMENT***(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is necessary)*

Serial No. 09/348,320

Docket No. CHMP-102

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In reply to a Final Rejection dated August 14, 2001, the applicant filed a timely Amendment After Final Rejection bearing a Certificate of Mailing dated October 25, 2001. Because of the new U.S. Postal Service policy of segregating mail addressed to Washington D.C. zip codes, applicant's reply did not reach the PTO for about 3 ½ months (i.e. until February 4, 2002). Consequently, the Examiner's Advisory Action dated February 15, 2002 was issued only after the full six month statutory period had already run (on February 14, 2002).

However, in October, 2001, the applicant did not know and had no way to anticipate the magnitude of the anthrax scare and the resulting long time delay (of approximately 3 ½ months) in sending first class mail to Washington D.C. But for this long and unforeseen postal delay, the Examiner would have received and acted upon the applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection while still leaving sufficient time during the six month statutory period for the applicant to take additional action without having this application go abandoned. In other words, had applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection reached the PTO in a reasonable time, it is simply not likely that this application would have gone abandoned. Because the intervening mail delay was extraordinary and could not have been known or anticipated (in October, 2001), it is submitted that the reason for this application going abandoned was entirely unavoidable on the part of the applicant.

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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ **640** (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

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4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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